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THE PRESIDENT'S DAILY BRIEF

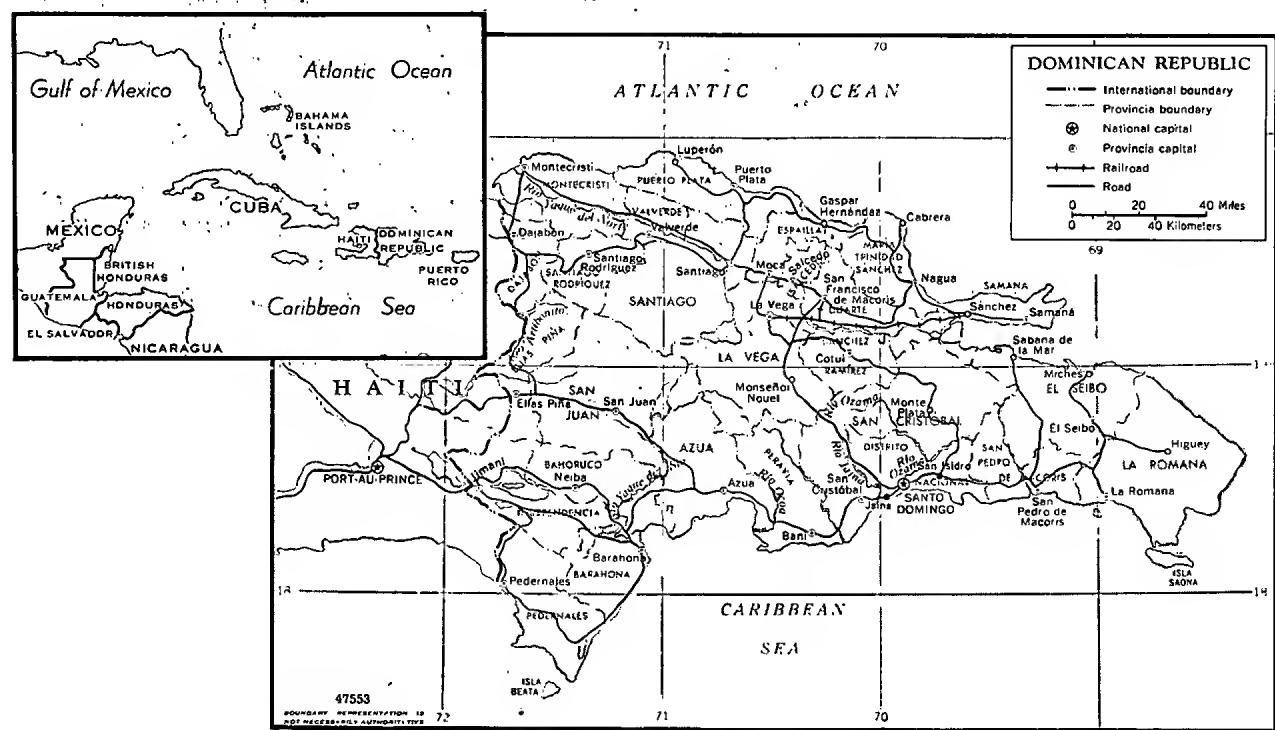


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LATE ITEM

Dominican Republic

New signs come in that the rebels are trying to spread their movement to the countryside.

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The rebel radio came back on the air this morning and the propaganda offensive continues. Yesterday's strafing apparently did very little damage. No new loyalist plans against the station have been reported.

The UN Security Council unanimously voted for a cease-fire today and asked U Thant to send a personal representative.

The Organization of American States was scheduled to meet at 5:00 p.m. EDT to consider the "serious deterioration." Yesterday's air strike on the radio station may have been instrumental in alarming some members.

The first Latin American contingent for the Inter-American Force arrived today. A 250-man Honduran force landed by air. Twenty-five Costa Ricans are due tomorrow.

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1. South Vietnam

The Viet Cong sustained heavy losses in two recent government actions.

In Bac Lieu Province (see map), 178 Viet Cong were killed and 53 captured in two days' fighting. Timely and effective air support accounted for the bulk of these losses. In a separate action some 20 miles north of Saigon an estimated 50 Viet Cong were killed by government artillery fire.

The Viet Cong continue to threaten new attacks on provincial centers. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the provincial capitals and US installations at Ban Me Thuot, Pleiku, and Kontum are marked for early attack.

2. North Vietnam

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3. Soviet Union

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4. Communist China

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5. Mauritius

The British have declared a state of emergency in the Indian Ocean colony of Mauritius after a new outburst of racial violence. [REDACTED]

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Demonstrations in favor of independence by the more numerous Hindus have turned into attacks on minority Moslems and Chinese. [REDACTED]

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Mauritius is one of the island areas being considered by London and Washington as a base for the projected Indian Ocean Naval Force.

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6. Ecuador

The junta is frantically trying to keep the lid on as support for the merchant strikers in Guayaquil grows.

Student, labor, and other groups have joined in the protest against higher customs duties. Regional antipathy toward the central government is also being whipped up by those hoping for wider antigovernment action.

The junta considers it is fighting for its life and is acting accordingly. It has arrested leaders of the merchants' group; Communist leaders are also in custody. Arrests of some military plotters have been made, but anti-junta feeling in the military probably persists.

The US Embassy believes that if the junta succeeds in putting out this fire, it could emerge stronger than ever over the short term. If its victory involves much bloodshed, however, a sharp reaction could shorten its tenure.

7. Bolivia

Bolivia's national teachers' association is threatening a teachers' strike in support of demands for a pay raise. Already there have been strikes in some localities, and the sentiment for a nationwide strike is strong.

This is a political hot potato for the Barrientos regime. An earlier teachers' strike started the chain of events which led to the downfall of ex-President Paz.

8. Libya

Five capped oil wells belonging to a joint America-British company were sabotaged with explosives this morning.

Libyan security forces are being rushed to the area.

The identity of the saboteurs has not been established.

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